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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNED MINISTERIA ON COMMODITIES AT DAKAR

1. NETHERLANDS EMBASSY ECON MIN HUIBREGTSE CALLED ON
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY JULIUS L. KATZ, FEBRUARY 4 TO
DISCUSS SUBJECT DAKAR CONFERENCE. HUIBREGTSE CARRYING
FONOFF INSTRUCTIONS, SAID PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO INFORM US
THAT GON EMBASSIES CAPITALS OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE
BEEN INSTRUCTED EMPHASIZE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT GON
WISHED AVOID CONFRONTATION AND WAS HOPEFUL LDCS WOULD WISH
COOPERATION OF DCS TO RESOLVE COMMODITY AND TRADE PROBLEMS.
HE SAID GON ALSO APPROACHING OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIALIZED
COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS TO SUGGEST THEY MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES
NON-ALIGNED GOVERNMENTS.

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2. KATZ EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING GON POSITION BUT QUESTION-

ED UTILITY SUCH HAT-IN-HAND APPROACH BY MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. MORE MODERATE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, WHICH MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE ANY SUCH DC INITIATIVE HAVE INSUFFICIENT VOICE IN MEETINGS SUCH AS DAKAR AND ARE OVERRIDDEN BY MILITANT EXTREMIST ELEMENTS, ON WHOM ANY CONCILIATORY DC APPROACH WOULD AT THIS STAGE BE WASTED. HUIBREGTSE LIKENED DC-LDC SITUATION RE OTHER RAW MATERIALS TO THAT CONCERNING PETROLEUM AND OPINED THAT DCS HOPING DEVELOP COOPERATIVE APPROACH WITH LDCS. KATZ POINTED OUT

DIFFERENCE IN THAT WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT DODGING CONFRONTATION WITH OPEC BUT ARE RATHER TAKING THEM ON AT THEIR OWN SORT OF GAME.

3. HUIBREGTSE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING THAT POSITION AND ATTITUDE MAJOR POWER LIKE U.S. NOT NECESSARILY SAME AS THOSE OF SMALL COUNTRY LIKE NETHERLANDS; SAID GON USUALLY TRIES BRING OPPOSING FORCES TOGETHER BY COMPROMISING. KATZ RECOGNIZED THIS GON TRADITIONAL ATTITUDE BUT POINTED OUT THAT ITS COMPROMISE EFFORTS SOMETIMES HAVE EFFECT OF SO STIFFENING ONE SIDE AS TO MAKE AGREEMENT BY OTHER SIDE IMPOSSIBLE.

4. WHEN INFORMED THAT AUSTRIA, FINLAND AND SWEDEN WERE INVITED DAKAR MEETING HUIBREGTSE VISIBLY SURPRISED AND PUZZLED AS TO WHY. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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